

REMARKS

Claims 1-25 are in this application.

Initially, the Examiner has rejected claims under the judicially created doctrine of nonstatutory double patenting. Submitted with this response is an executed terminal disclaimer effectively disclaiming any portion of the instant patent application which would extend beyond the life of any patent which may issue from U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/408,700. Accordingly, it is requested that the rejection be withdrawn.

In the office action, claims 1-25 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §§ 102(b) and 103(a) as anticipated by, and unpatentable over, U.S. Patent No. 5,474,235 to Cole et al. The rejections are respectfully traversed for at least the following reasons.

In the office action, independent claims 1, 8, and 17 are rejected as anticipated by Cole. The Examiner alleges that Cole “discloses a method of plating a spray nozzle to prevent corrosion and war using a titanium coating and a Teflon® coating. It is respectfully submitted that claim 1 does not recite a coating of a material such as Teflon®. Rather, claim 1 recites a step of “plating the spray nozzle with a metal, wherein the metal is impregnated with a lubricating material.”

It is respectfully submitted that coating with Teflon® and plating with a metal “impregnated with a lubricating material” are not the same. Accordingly, the present invention patentably distinguishes over those portions of Cole relied upon by the Examiner, whether used alone or in combination with the knowledge of “one skilled in the art.” Accordingly, claim 1 is allowable. Independent claims 8 and 17 include similar limitations and therefore, distinguish over the relied upon portions of Cole. Claims 2-7, 9-16, and 18-25 depend from allowable base claims and are allowable.

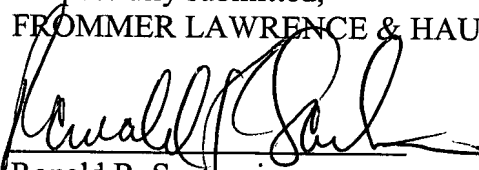
Conclusion

It is respectfully submitted that the instant application is in condition for allowance; and an early notice to this effect is respectfully solicited.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge any additional fees that may be required to Deposit Account No. 50-0320.

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